

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2023



Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up
the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples
came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of
God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you
and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against
you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in
heaven.”

Readings for the week:

4th Sunday in Ord. Time

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9,
9-10
1 Cor 1:26-31
Matt 5:1-12a

Monday

Heb 11:32-40
Ps 31:20, 21, 22,
23, 24
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4
Ps 22:26b-27, 28
and 30, 31-32
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Heb 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Friday

Heb 13:1-8
Ps 27:1, 3, 5,
8b-9abc
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17,
20-21
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6
Mark 6:30-34

5th Sunday in Ord. Time

Isa 58:7-10
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7,
8-9
1 Cor 2:1-5
Matt 5:13-16



Opening Prayer

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The crowd that is described at the end of Matthew's fourth chapter were the ones who had come to Jesus hoping for a cure from physical and mental illnesses. That did not mean that their physical, social, spiritual disadvantages disappeared overnight, but it did mean that they glimpsed in and through Jesus another world of possibilities. It is these people who gather with Jesus on a mountain, where he will give the first of the five great discourses in Matthew's Gospel.

Sitting down in the posture of a rabbinic teacher, Jesus calls his disciples to himself. The crowd is certainly not excluded from what Jesus is saying, but his disciples are at the heart of the people to whom they are called to minister. As we heard last week, only four disciples have been called so far, so it is not the Twelve but the community of disciples, the church to which we belong, that Jesus is addressing in this gospel.

The radical significance of what we refer to as "the Beatitudes" can be diluted and sanitized by familiarity. Christian intuition is right to recognize the importance of this text as a program of identity and action for Jesus's disciples, but this has often made it a lifesaving raft to which we cling when unable to think of what gospel passage to use, for example, at a funeral, wedding, or school Mass. "Let's have the Beatitudes," seems safe. In fact, this gospel is dangerous, more like a high-powered motorboat that carries us into deep waters of discipleship. In the Germany of the 1930's, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote passionately that the Beatitudes are nothing about good behavior; rather, they are an absolute demand that brought a disciple before the face of the living God and the cost of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. May we, like you, always side with those who suffer injustice, and all relegated to the margins of our society. May we welcome others in your name so to remain faithful to your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- Take a close look at all the Beatitudes from the gospel. Can you find one that sounds like an invitation, an area God might be calling you to grow?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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MASS TIMES:

Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

Financials: 01/16/23 – 01/22/23

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2296.00 Short \$104.00	
In Church	\$	1646.00
Online Giving	\$	350.00
Mail In	\$	300.00

**Second Collection this weekend is for the Maintenance Fund.
Mahalo for your kokua.**

Liturgy Committee Meeting on Sunday, 1/29/23 @ 10 a.m.

Mark your Calendar for Maui Stewardship Day – “IT IS RIGHT AND JUST”, March 4, 2023 @ St. Anthony Church; 8 a.m. to Noon. ALL ARE WELCOME - Need to register and RSVP – SIGN UP SHEET AT BACK OF CHURCH. (Lunch will be provided).

Bread Baking has been cancelled for February and will resume March 21, 2023. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Have a Blessed Week!